

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nolan

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the B-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 12 – 9 – 0

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields
– Nays: Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Schrader, Westlund
– Nays: Morse, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters
– Exc:

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Meeting Date: 6/26/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Gives adult foster care home providers right to collectively bargain with State of Oregon. Specifies that adult foster care home provider is person who receives payments from state for providing adult foster care home services. Recognizes the labor organization identified in Executive Order 07-07 as the exclusive representative of adult foster care home providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) estimates the fiscal impact to be \$125,894 Other Funds, including a part-time position (.50 full-time equivalent).
- The Department will absorb the costs of the bill and was not given any limitation.
- Questions were raised about who will represent the employees and how they were selected. Staff informed the committee that Service Employees International Union (SEIU) was selected. The selection was part of an Executive Order from the Governor's Office. The criteria for selecting SEIU was unknown.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Adult foster homes provide residential care for five or fewer elderly, physically-disabled, mentally ill or developmentally disabled adults in a home environment. There are currently 2,600 providers in Oregon operating about 3,000 homes. Providers are paid through Medicaid. The Department of Human Services licenses and regulates adult foster homes. SB 858B allows adult foster care providers to collectively bargain with the state. They will be considered public employees only for the purposes of collective bargaining and will not be allowed to strike.